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SUBJECT: **Invitation: Talanoa session on Enhancing SIDS' capacities in the Global Biodiversity Framework and S.A.M.O.A Pathway by supporting SIDS Biodiversity Coalition and SIDS 10-year capacity building development Roadmap**

Dear Members,

We would like to invite you to a talanoa session on enhancing SIDS' capacities in addressing priorities and challenges in the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and the need for a strong coordination among SIDS at both the technical and political levels in the ongoing deliberations to develop the Framework to be held virtually on **Thursday, 3 June 2021 at 12:30pm (Samoa time)**. The Agenda is attached in **Annex 1**.

The main objectives of this talanoa session are to bring together the CBD Biodiversity Focal Points to discuss how to:

- support and request the establishment of a SIDS Biodiversity Coalition that can amplify to voice of SIDS within the ongoing biodiversity negotiations; and
- to discuss the development of a 10 year SIDS capacity development roadmap under the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to enhance technical and financial support (means of implementation) for the implementation of the Framework.

Please find attached the concept note on SIDS Biodiversity Coalition and SIDS 10 year Capacity Development Roadmap that have been circulated to your respective Permanent Missions to the United Nations.

A zoom link for this session is provided [here](#). The meeting ID: 96337253048 and passcode: 671347.

Please contact Amanda Wheatley amandaw@sprep.org or Juney Ward juneyw@sprep.org for any further enquiries.

Yours sincerely,



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Annex 1: AGENDA

1. Welcoming remarks
2. Objectives of the talanoa session
3. Presentation on the concept of SIDS Biodiversity Coalition and SIDS 10 year capacity building Roadmap
4. Other matters
 - a. SIDS CBD implementation gaps (rapid assessment)
5. Next steps